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Army technology safely destroys historic munitions

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS, Hawaii (May 7, 2015) — Army officials announced the successful destruction of 10 historic munitions, here, using the Army's transportable Explosive Destruction System, or EDS.

Over the past two weeks, Army operators used the EDS to safely destroy 10 WWI / WWII-era chemical munitions that were recovered during range clearance activities on the Schofield Barracks range between 2009 and 2012. The EDS operations were conducted by a joint team from the Army's Recovered Chemical Materiel Directorate (RCMD), Chemical Materials Activity, and the Edgewood Chemical Biological Center, U.S. Army Research Development and Engineering Command.

"This was another successful operation by an outstanding team of operators," said Rob Snyder, EDS site manager, RCMD. "Our goal was to safely destroy these items in a manner that protected the operators, the community and the environment, and we did exactly that. Air monitoring and sample collection confirmed the chemicals in the munitions were contained and completely treated."

Snyder also added that all waste resulting from the Schofield operation will be shipped off island to a permitted treatment, storage and disposal facility on the continental U.S.

The EDS is the Army's proven technology to destroy recovered chemical munitions. It provides transportable, on-site treatment and destruction of chemical items in a contained, environmentally sound manner, and has been used to safely destroy more than 1,855 items nationwide.

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